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General John E. Hull, USA (Ret.)  
Chairman, President's Board of Consultants  
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Washington, D. C.

Dear General Hull:

I wish to take this occasion to tell you and your colleagues on the President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities what a valuable contribution I believe you have made to the intelligence community of the United States Government. Although we have been in disagreement with a very few of your many recommendations, we have always been sure of the constructive and helpful attitude that lay behind all of them. Further, the persistence of the Board in pressing certain matters of critical importance to the national security has been of great assistance to me as Director of Central Intelligence. I have been grateful for your vigorous approach to our problems and your candor.

A body such as yours probably wonders about the impact of its work. If so, I want to assure you that I consider you have made a real contribution to the nation. Those of us in the intelligence community are particularly appreciative that a group of such distinguished and busy citizens have been willing to give so freely of their time to assist us.

I also want to make mention to the effective work of your Staff Director, Mr. J. Patrick Coyne, who has pursued his

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task with outstanding diligence and objectivity, and has been a worthy successor to General Cassidy in this position. We have enjoyed working both with Mr. Coyne and General Cassidy.

Sincerely yours,

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Allen W. Dulles  
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I recognize that a body such as yours often wonders about the impact of its work and I want to assure you that I believe you have made a considerable contribution to the nation. Those of us in the intelligence community are particularly appreciative that a group of such distinguished and busy citizens have given so freely of their time to assist us.

I also want to make mention of the fine work of your Staff Director, Mr. J. Patrick Coyne, who has pursued his

task with outstanding diligence and objectivity. We have enjoyed working with Mr. Coyne and know that he has acquired an invaluable fund of knowledge on the United States intelligence effort.

Sincerely yours,

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